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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	857	Median Age of Population (1980)	33.3
Estimated Population (1984)	217,201	% Population Urban (1980)	57.7
Population per Square Mile (1984)	253	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$10,712
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 0.1	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	6.4
Projected Population (1990)	217,625	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	10.9
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 0.3	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	10.3

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	217,201	104,755	112,446	35-44	26,875	13,060	13,815
0-4	14,214	7,292	6,922	45-54	22,255	10,520	11,735
5-14	29,318	15,035	14,283	55-64	25,659	11,871	13,788
15-24	33,036	17,090	15,946	65+	31,713	12,972	18,741
25-34	34,131	16,915	17,216				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	1,507	Number of Divorces	619
Rate per 1,000 Population	6.9	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.8
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	33
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	2,512
Rate per 1,000 Population	11.6
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	7.0

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	2,512	100.0	30-34	435	17.3
UNDER 15	2	0.1	35-39	128	5.1
15-19	270	10.7	40-44	13	0.5
20-24	715	28.5	45+	0	—
25-29	949	37.8	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	120	Meningitis:	Aseptic	4	Salmonellosis	33
Hepatitis:	Type A	2	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	6	Shigellosis	1
Hepatitis:	Type B	11	Mumps		1	Syphilis	0
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	0	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	7
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	2					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	2,260	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	38
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	10.4	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	15.1
Median Age at Death	73.3	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	14

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	926	41.0	Perinatal Conditions	26	60.5	Accidents, All Forms	13	48.1
Cancer	559	24.7	Congenital Anomalies	8	18.6	Cancer	4	14.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	139	6.2				Heart Disease	2	7.4
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	88	3.9				Homicide	2	7.4
Accidents, All Forms	71	3.1						
All Other	477	21.1	All Other	9	20.9	All Other	6	22.2
TOTAL	2,260	100.0	TOTAL	43	100.0	TOTAL	27	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	19	24.1	Cancer	178	37.4	Heart Disease	736	45.0
Heart Disease	15	19.0	Heart Disease	173	36.3	Cancer	362	22.1
Cancer	15	19.0	Accidents, All Forms	20	4.2	Cerebrovascular Disease	118	7.2
Suicide	7	8.9	Cerebrovascular Disease	18	3.8	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	78	4.8
Congenital Anomalies	2	2.5	Diabetes Mellitus	16	3.4	Pneumonia and Influenza	45	2.8
All Other	21	26.6	All Other	71	14.9	All Other	296	18.1
TOTAL	79	100.0	TOTAL	476	100.0	TOTAL	1,635	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
3	3	0	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	3	Emergency Services Capability:	
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	2	Limited	0
				General	3
				Basic	0
				Comprehensive	0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	2	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	863	4.0
Admissions	29,174	134.3

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	0	—
Admissions	0	—

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $291

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3	3	2
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	0	0	0
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	4	4	3
TOTAL	7	7	5

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	389	12.3
Intermediate	226	7.1
Total (SNF + ICF)	615	19.4

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.6

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $68
Intermediate $61

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment [1985] NOTE: Includes Greene County

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
8	403	74	304	25	46.3

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
3	2	0	0	3	1

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services [1985]

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	1,048	Certified Paramedics I	76
Ambulance Providers	16	Certified Paramedics II	78

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled [1983]

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 7

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	6	Autism	5	Muscular Dystrophy	4
Cerebral Palsy	5	Learning Disabilities	5	Other	7
Epilepsy	5	Multiple Sclerosis	4		

d. Primary Health Care Centers [1985]

Number of Agencies 2

e. Licensed Boarding Homes [1985]

Number of Homes 64